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ANNOUNCEMENT

SUBJECT: Goddard's Environmental Management System

Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) is implementing an Environmental Management System (EMS) to manage the Center's environmental impacts. An EMS is a framework that enables an organization to identify and address its immediate- and long-term environmental impacts proactively, consistently, and effectively. GSFC's EMS consists of the organizations that may impact the environment, the policies, procedures, and work practices that they follow, and the equipment and resources they have available to them.

An EMS is not just a set of rules, but a new way of thinking. Environmental management is no longer seen as the sole responsibility of GSFC's Safety and Environmental Division. Instead, all Center employees, contractors, partners, and vendors play a critical role in protecting the environment. Goddard's EMS aims to minimize the Center's negative environmental impacts and risks by integrating environmental responsibilities and practices into one overall management system; incorporating environmental considerations into daily operations; and promoting continual improvement of performance. The result is environmentally aware and responsible organizations, better environmental management, and informed decision-making. With heightened employee and management commitment to environmental excellence, we can become leaders in environmental management.

WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY?

From conserving energy, water, and paper to properly handling hazardous waste, everyone plays a role in protecting our environment and sustaining GSFC's mission.

THREE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW:

1. The EMS is the management system we use to implement the Center's Environmental Policy
2. The basic contents of GSFC's Environmental Policy GPD 8500.1 (see reverse):
 - Commitment to comply with environmental laws and regulations applicable to our operations
 - Commitment to prevent pollution
 - Commitment to continual improvement

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3. The environmental impacts of your job.

- Manage your activities using proper procedures to reduce significant environmental impacts
- Incorporate environmental considerations into daily activities
- Take appropriate environmental training (*including upcoming EMS Basic Awareness Training*)

For information about Goddard's EMS, contact the EMS Project Manager, Lori Levine, at (301) 286-6741 or Lori.M.Levine@nasa.gov or visit GSFC's dedicated EMS Web site at <http://ems/ems/default.aspx> (currently open only to employees on the GSFC domain).

GSFC's ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Goddard Policy Directive (GPD) 8500.1, *Environmental Program Management* (June 2004), states:

NASA's Mission includes understanding and protecting our home planet. As an integral part of all mission planning and implementation, Goddard's Environmental Policy is to:

- a. Consider the neighboring natural environment while executing the Goddard Mission;
- b. Comply with relevant federal, state, and local legislation and regulations; Executive Orders; NASA policies and other requirements;
- c. Prevent pollution and conserve natural resources;
- d. Implement pragmatic and cost effective solutions to environmental problems;
- e. Communicate with the Goddard family, our partners and the public; and
- f. Continue to improve our environmental performance through our environmental management system including:
 - (1) Promote awareness through education and training;
 - (2) Consider the environment as we do our jobs; and
 - (3) Explore advances in environmental technology.

These commitments enable each of us to do our part for environmental stewardship in our backyard.

This Policy applies to all GSFC personnel, facilities, and activities, at all permanent and temporary sites. It also applies to all GSFC contractors, grantees, clubs and other persons operating under the auspices of GSFC or on GSFC property, as required by law, and as directed by contractual, grant, and agreement documents.

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